

-- Douglas.Quine@pb.com --.

On page 11, line 13 replace "Douglas.Qine@pb.com" with

--Douglas.Quine@pb.com--.

On page 11, line 27 replace "Douglas.Qine@pb.com" with

--Douglas.Quine@.pb.com--.

On page 12, lines 4, 5, 6 and 12 replace "closet" with --closest--.

On page 12, line 23, after "six" replace "CHARATERS" with

--CHARACTERS--.

On page 12, line 24, after "followed" replace "IMMEDIATLEY" with

--IMMEDIATELY--.

On page 13, lines 2 and 4 replace "Douglas.quine@pb.com" with

--Douglas.Quine@pb.com--.

On page 13, line 4, after "a" replace "closet" with --closest--.

### **In The Abstract**

On line 12 after "a new", replace "sername" with --username--.

### **In the Claims:**

Please delete Claims 1-10 and add new Claims 11-61 as follows.

11. A method for transmitting an e-mail message intended for a non-preferred e-mail address to a preferred e-mail address, the method comprising the steps of:

sending an e-mail message referencing the non-preferred e-mail address from a sender address to a second address;

receiving the e-mail message at the second address;

parsing the non-preferred e-mail address from the e-mail message at the second address and determining if there is a preferred e-mail address registered with the non-preferred e-mail address;

if yes, sending the e-mail message from the second address to the preferred e-mail address;

if no, parsing the non-preferred e-mail address to extract the domain name and determining if the domain name has been registered with the second address.

12. The method as recited in claim 11, further comprising, determining if a list of usernames for the parsed domain name has been registered with the second address.

13. A method as recited in claim 11 further including the step of determining if there is a closest match between the non-preferred email address and any username registered with the second address.

14. A method as recited in claim 13 further including the step of sending the closest match username to the sender address if it is determined that there is a closest match.

15. A method as recited in claim 14, further including the step of sending a suggested format for formatting usernames associated with the parsed domain name of the e-mail message sent from the sender address if it is determined there is no closest match.

16. A method as recited in claim 11 further including the step of sending an e-mail message to the sender address from the second address indicating that the e-mail has been sent to the preferred e-mail address.

17. A method as recited in claim 11 further including the step of sending an e-mail message to the sender address from the second address indicating that the e-mail message was not forwarded if the preferred e-mail address is not associated with the non-preferred e-mail address.

18. A method as recited in claim 11 wherein the parsing step includes the step of comparing the non-preferred e-mail address to a look-up table to determine if the non-preferred e-mail address is contained in the look-up table.

19. A method as recited in claim 11 further including the steps of:  
receiving a response message at the second address indicating that the e-mail message was not delivered to the non-preferred email address;  
and  
relaying the response message from the second address to the sender address.

20. A method for correcting an e-mail message that has been determined as being undeliverable via a remote e-mail correcting computer having a unique e-mail address, the method comprising the steps of:  
prescribing at least one domain name in the remote e-mail forwarding computer by a subscriber;  
prescribing at least one format for formatting e-mail addresses intended to be sent to the at least one domain name;  
sending from a user to the remote computer an e-mail message addressed to an intended e-mail address;  
receiving at the remote computer from a sender's computer the e-mail message addressed to the intended e-mail address;  
parsing the intended e-mail address from the e-mail message in the remote computer to determine if the domain name of the e-mail message has been prescribed with the remote computer; and  
sending a message to the sender's computer indicating the prescribed at least one format for the parsed domain name address if the parsed domain name has been prescribed with the remote computer.

21. A method as recited in claim 20 further including the step of prescribing a plurality of correct usernames for the prescribed domain name in the remote computer.

22. A method as recited in claim 21 further including the step of determining in the remote computer if there is a closest match between one of the prescribed correct usernames with that of the intended email address sent to the remote computer.

23. A method for forwarding an undeliverable e-mail message comprising the steps of:

sending an e-mail message from a first electronic location referencing a first e-mail address to a second electronic location;

parsing the referenced e-mail address from the e-mail message at the second electronic location to determine if there is a second e-mail address associated with the referenced e-mail address;

if yes, sending the e-mail message from the second electronic location to a third electronic location associated with the second e-mail address; and

if no, parsing the referenced e-mail address to extract the domain name from the referenced e-mail address to determine if the domain name of the referenced e-mail address has been registered with the second electronic location.

24. The method as claimed in claim 23, further comprising the step of determining if a list of usernames for the parsed domain name has been registered with the second electronic location.

25. A method as recited in claim 24 further including the step of determining if there is a closest match between the username of the e-mail and with any username registered with the second electronic location.

26. A method as recited in claim 25 further including the step of sending the closest match username to a user of the first electronic location if it is determined that there is a closest match between the username of the e-mail message and with the usernames registered with the second electronic location.

27. A method as recited in claim 23, further including the step of forwarding the email message from the second electronic location to the third electronic location without notifying a user at the first electronic location of the second email address.

28. A method as recited in claim 23, further including the step of sending a suggested format for formatting usernames associated with the parsed domain name of the e-mail message sent from the first electronic location if it is determined there is no closest match between the username of the e-mail message and with the usernames registered with the second electronic location and associated with the parsed domain name.

29. A method as recited in claim 23 further including the step of sending an e-mail message to the first electronic location from the second electronic location indicating that the e-mail has been sent to the second e-mail address.

30. A method as recited in claim 23 further including the step of sending an e-mail message to the first electronic location from the second electronic location indicating that the e-mail message was not forwarded to the second e-mail address if the second e-mail address is not associated with the referenced e-mail address.

31. A method as recited in claim 23 wherein the parsing step includes the step of comparing the referenced e-mail address to a look-up table to determine if the referenced e-mail address is contained in the look-up table.

32. A method as recited in claim 23 further including the steps of:  
receiving a response message at the second electronic location  
from the third electronic location indicating that the e-mail message was not  
delivered to the third electronic location; and  
relaying the response message from the second electronic location  
to the first electronic location.

33. A method for transmitting electronic data comprising:  
transmitting electronic data that includes non-preferred electronic address  
data from a sender address to an intermediate address;  
determining whether the non-preferred electronic address data is  
associated with a preferred electronic address.

34. The method as claimed in claim 33 further comprising transmitting  
the electronic data from the intermediate address to the preferred electronic  
address when it is determined that the non-preferred electronic data is  
associated with preferred electronic address data.

35. A method as recited in claim 33 wherein if there is not a preferred  
electronic address associated with the non-preferred electronic address data,  
further including the step of determining if there is a closest match electronic  
address between the non-preferred electronic address data and a username  
registered with the intermediate address.

36. A method as recited in claim 35 further including the step of  
sending the closest match electronic address to the sender if it is determined that  
there is a closest match.

37. A method as recited in claim 35, further including the step of sending a message to the sender address that suggests a format for formatting electronic address data if it is determined there is no closest match.

38. A method as recited in claim 34 further including the step of sending a confirmation electronic message to the sender address indicating that the electronic data has been sent to the preferred electronic address.

39. A method as recited in claim 34 further including the step of sending an electronic message to the sender address indicating that the electronic data has not been sent to the preferred electronic address.

40. A method as recited in claim 34 further comprising the step of comparing the non-preferred electronic address data to a look-up table.

41. A method for transmitting electronic data comprising:  
    sending, from a first electronic location, electronic data including incorrect recipient address data;  
    receiving the electronic data at an intermediate electronic location;  
    determining if the incorrect recipient address data matches an electronic recipient address; and  
    if a match is determined, transmitting the electronic data to the electronic recipient address.

42. The method as claimed in claim 41, further comprising the step of transmitting a response message from the intermediate electronic location to the first electronic location.

43. The method as claimed in claim 42 wherein the response message includes correct electronic recipient address data.

44. The method as claimed in claim 41, further comprising:  
if a match is not determined, transmitting a message to the first electronic location that the electronic data was not transmitted to the electronic recipient address.

45. The method as claimed in claim 41, further comprising:  
transmitting a message from the intermediate electronic location to the first electronic location that includes format data.

46. An apparatus for transmitting electronic data comprising:  
a processing facility coupled to one or more devices, the processing facility adapted to receive electronic data from a sender, the electronic data including non-preferred electronic address data, the processing facility adapted to correlate the non-preferred electronic address data to preferred electronic address data,

wherein the processing facility is adapted to transmit electronic message data to the preferred electronic address and provide the sender with status information.

47. The apparatus recited in claim 46 wherein the processing facility is adapted to determine if there is a closest match between the non-preferred electronic address and a username registered with the processing facility.

48. The apparatus as recited in claim 47 wherein the processing facility is adapted to send the closest match username to the sender if it is determined that there is a closest match.

49. The apparatus as recited in claim 46, wherein the processing facility is adapted to send a suggested format for formatting electronic address data to the sender.



50. The apparatus as recited in claim 46, wherein the processing facility is adapted to send a confirmation electronic message to the sender indicating that the electronic data has been sent to the preferred electronic address.

51. The apparatus as recited in claim 46, wherein the processing facility is adapted to send an electronic message to the sender indicating that the electronic data has not been sent to the preferred electronic address.

52. A method for transmitting electronic data comprising:  
transmitting an original email message from a sender location to a non-preferred electronic address;  
transmitting a modified email message from a location associated with the non-preferred electronic address to the sender location, wherein the modified email message includes an indication that the original email message was not delivered to the non-preferred electronic address; and  
transmitting the modified email message and non-preferred electronic address data from the sender location to an intermediate location.

53. The method as recited in claim 52 further comprising determining whether the non-preferred electronic address data is associated with a preferred electronic address.

54. The method as recited in claim 53 further comprising transmitting electronic data from the intermediate location to the preferred electronic address.

55. The method as recited in claim 53, further comprising transmitting a status message from the intermediate location to the sender indicative of the status of the determination.

56. The method as recited in claim 53, further comprising transmitting a suggested format from the intermediate location to the sender.

57. The method as recited in claim 53, further comprising transmitting the preferred electronic address from the intermediate location to the sender.

58. A method for transmitting electronic data comprising:  
receiving electronic data at a selected location from a sender;  
parsing the electronic data to obtain non-preferred electronic address data; and  
determining whether there is a preferred electronic address associated with the non-preferred electronic address data.

59. The method as recited in claim 58, further comprising transmitting the preferred electronic address from the selected location to the sender.

60. The method as recited in claim 58, further comprising transmitting a status report from the selected location to the sender.

61. The method as recited in claim 58, further comprising transmitting the electronic data from the selected location to the preferred electronic address.

62. A method for transmitting electronic data comprising:  
receiving electronic data at a selected location from a sender;  
parsing the electronic data to obtain non-preferred electronic address data; and  
determining whether there is a closest match to the non-preferred electronic address data.

63. The method as recited in claim 62, further comprising transmitting the preferred electronic address from the selected location to the sender.

64. The method as recited in claim 62, further comprising transmitting a status report from the selected location to the sender.

65. The method as recited in claim 62, further comprising transmitting the electronic data from the selected location to the preferred electronic address.

66. A method for transmitting electronic data comprising:  
receiving electronic data at a selected location from a sender;  
parsing the electronic data to obtain non-preferred electronic address data; and  
determining whether the non-preferred electronic address data corresponds to a format registered with the selected location.

67. The method as recited in claim 66, further comprising transmitting the format from the selected location to the sender.

68. The method as recited in claim 66, further comprising transmitting a status report from the selected location to the sender.

69. The method as recited in claim 66, further comprising transmitting the electronic data from the selected location to an electronic address corresponding to the format.

#### **REMARKS**

Applicant submits this preliminary amendment to correct typographical errors in the specification and to replace claims 1-10 with new claims 11-69.